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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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1. claims: 1-4

Context-based method for variable length encoding of digital data with periodical variable length codeword re-arrangement.

2. claims: 5,6

Method of video compression with spatial or temporal prediction, definition of luminance masks and context-based variable length encoding of the masks and of the spatial or temporal gaps between changed blocks.

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